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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Merchantville Multi-Use Path Safety and Accessibility, Borough of Merchantville, Camden County, New Jersey, 1st Congressional District in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Merchantville located at 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey 08109. The funding would be used for upgrades to this important amenity aimed at providing safer pedestrian and bike traffic through the Borough. In particular, the Borough is proposing to add lighting along the Path, redesigning areas abutting the Path, resurfacing of the Path, beautification and importantly, pedestrian safety improvements including a crossing system at the Senior Housing to provide better access for seniors to the Path.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed improvements will benefit thousands of pedestrians and cyclists from around the area. It will result in increased accessibility and inclusivity and provide a safe outdoor space. This project addresses mobility and access to a safe walking path that provides exercise and access to senior housing, schools and businesses. At its completion, the path will provide equitable access to users of all abilities. Increase accessibility and inclusivity to the multi-use path through redesign of a portion of the abutting municipal road, the addition of ADA ramps and crosswalks. Provide residents and visitors with improved use opportunities on the path through the installation of modern equipment and resources for walkers, cyclists and pets.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Donald Norcross
Member of Congress